

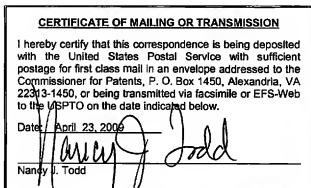
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Christian Gehrmann	§	Group Art Unit:	2435
Serial No:	10/602,167	§	Examiner:	Truong, Thanhnga B
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 23, 2008, the Applicant submits the following remarks. If any extension of time for this Response is required, the Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1379. A complete list of pending claims follows.